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Brazzaville, Jan 1, 1933.

Dear Margaret,

This is the only paper I have with me, as my main supply is across the Congo in Leopoldville. So excuse the misleading formality.

Happy New Year! And many more of them! Most of the town seems to have celebrated and danced until early morning. The Governor General's reception and dance, which I attended, closed respectably at midnight.

This is a town of contrasts. A dinner or luncheon as guest of the Governor or one of the other officials is most elaborate and excellent, but a meal at the hotel makes one almost sick. To room at the hotel is impossible, and the Governor has given me a rest-house with one servant. About half the time I am invited out, probably <sup>partly</sup> in account of the knowledge of the conditions at the little hotel, and the other half <sup>of the time</sup> I eat at the hotel. I have luncheon and dinner engagements to-morrow and next day, and then, <sup>(on the 3d day)</sup> I go back to the A.B.C. Hotel (Sounds simple, doesn't it?) in Leopoldville, "Leo" for short.

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I am arranging for an invitation to Dr. Kitchener  
to survey French Equatorial Africa and sketching  
out a plan. It is hard to do so without  
any chance to talk things over with him, as  
I have long been without information.

The water in this town is not only for an  
hour or so, morning and evening, very pleasant!  
And the great Congo River with its limitless  
volume flows swiftly by.

The day I arrived the Governor General and  
Madame Alfassa called for me in their touring car  
and took me for a ride down the Congo  
River along the upper part of the Rapids. The  
road is high above the river and the  
view of the opposite shore is pleasing.

A Mr. Ross, American, came to see me  
in Leopoldville, and invited me to dinner for next  
Thursday. It will be good to hear American  
spoken. He is Secretary of the Protestant Missions  
Organization of the Congo. He seems very pleasant.

I shall be glad to be on the water  
again on January 8th. It is tiring to ~~to~~ be  
incessantly struggling with French, even when the  
victims are most helpful.

Dr. Kitchener sent a word of New Year's greetings!  
With much, much love,

Wilbur.